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I would like my comments to be reflected in the Federal Register regarding the Microsoft settlement case. While the remedies addressing Microsoft's obligations to the corporate sector do much to redress the harm done by their business practices, the remedies *\*must\** include protections for the not-for-profit and government sectors as well. Microsoft's chief competition in the desktop and network operating systems markets are in the not-for-profit. The not-for-profit sector also provides significant competition in the software market. The government also needs the same access to source code, API's, documentation, and communications protocols as the corporate sector, so that the government does not become obligated to turn to outsourcing as the only means of developing computing solutions for evolving governmental needs. As a matter of national security, especially, our government requires this access.

As the remedies have been currently formulated, they fall far short of providing the protections that guarantee a truly level playing field in the global computing industry. Failure to amend these remedies to include the above referenced issues is tantamount to granting Microsoft a guaranteed position of dominance in the marketplace, putting all parties involved, from programmers, to consumers, to our elected officials, to our governing agencies, at a supreme disadvantage.

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